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Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

***AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO ENSURE CONTINUED
ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE
COVERAGE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study and develop strategies to implement repealed portions of the
3 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, if any. Such
4 study shall include, but need not be limited to, data or information
5 pertaining to development of a strategic plan concerning: (1) The
6 establishment of one or more programs to ensure continuity of
7 coverage for residents of this state; (2) sustainable funding
8 mechanisms; (3) affordable universal coverage; (4) incentives for the
9 delivery of preventative care; (5) a state-wide individual mandate; (6)
10 mandatory coverage of preexisting conditions at no additional cost to
11 insureds; (7) tax credits for consumers in the individual health
12 insurance market; (8) limitations of out-of-pocket costs; (9) equal access
13 to mental health, family planning and reproductive health care
14 services; and (10) a medical loss ratio.

15 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

16 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
17 one of whom has expertise in health care and one of whom has
18 expertise in health insurance;

19 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
21 Representatives;

22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

23 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
24 Representatives;

25 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

26 (7) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;
27 and

28 (8) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
29 secretary's designee.

30 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
31 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
32 of the General Assembly.

33 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
34 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
35 filled by the appointing authority.

36 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
37 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
38 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
39 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
40 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

41 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
42 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance

43 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

44 (g) Not later than November 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a
 45 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
 46 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 47 relating to insurance, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
 48 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
 49 that it submits such report or November 1, 2017, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure continued access to affordable and comprehensive health care coverage by Connecticut residents following the passage of federal legislation to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, if any.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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